for review of the guidelines for setting up of submarine cable landing station; and

(c) by when Government would declare Gujarat as a permissible zone for setting up of submarine cable landing station of International gateways for Internet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Guidelines were announced by the Government in the year 2000 regarding International Gateways for Internet using Submarine Cable Medium. As per Clause 13 of the Guidelines for setting up of Submarine Cable Landing Stations for International Gateways for Internet, setting up of landing stations was not permitted in security sensitive areas including coastal areas of Gujarat.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) Government have already decided to permit setting up of International Gateways in security sensitive areas including submarine cable landing stations in security sensitive areas including coastal areas of Gujarat subject to setting up of appropriate monitoring equipments by the Security Agencies and appropriate charges to be paid by the licencees towards monitoring equipments or setting up of monitoring equipment.

C-Dot exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2359. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to replace small telephone exchanges with C-Dot Exchanges in various divisions of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether any time frame has been set to accomplish this task;

(c) whether Government have made any cost/benefit analysis for this replacement; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) All the small capacity exchanges have already been replaced by C-DOT exchanges in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Frauds in call centres

2360. SHRI CHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many frauds are taking place in call centres by people posing as agents;

(b) if so, how many such cases have been reported;

(c) what action is being taken against such impostors; and

(d) what steps are being taken to prevent such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) to (c) According to CBI, one such case was registered by them in July, 2002 and the accused convicted in February, 2003.

(d) The provisions contained in IT Act, 2000, take care of such cases in Cyber Crimes.

Quality norms for bottled drinking water

2361. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the quality norms for bottled drinking water;

(b) whether it is a fact that Multi-National companies would be benefited by this measure since many of the indigenous firms may not be able to upgrade their standards as per the new norms; and